

REMARKS

I. Status and Disposition of the Claims

Claims 43-82 are pending and under consideration on the merits. No claims are amended herein.

II. Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 43-82 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-11 of United States Patent No. 6,375,691. Office Action, page 2. In addition, claims 43-82 are also rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-19 of United States Patent No. 6,582,486. *Id.* at 3.

Although Applicants disagree with these rejections as they pertain to the pending claims, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. In view of this Terminal Disclaimer, the applied double patenting rejections are moot, and should be withdrawn.

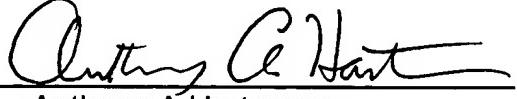
III. Conclusion

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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